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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the March 5, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying to the Office Action up to and including September 5, 2002. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Kindly amend the application as follows:*

* An Appendix of Claim Amendments is attached herewith as Exhibit 1. In the Appendix, the added portions are underlined and the deleted portions are bracketed.

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